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SUBJECT: Letter from Mr. Aradi

TO : Whitney H. Shepardson, Esq.
Chief SI, Washington

As you know Mr. Zsolt Aradi has been acting as consultant in the Hungarian Section of Col. Chapin's Central European Division for some months past. Since the arrival of Mr. Gellert from Switzerland, plans for taking Aradi into Hungary were abandoned and it was decided to use him here for further advisory purposes. In the meantime we are using Aradi to maintain certain contacts in the Vatican where he has a wide circle of acquaintances from before the war. Although, in view of the residence of his family in Rome, Aradi's presence in that city has not resulted in embarrassing questions, it is felt that he should have suitable cover to explain his interest in political affairs.

Before the war he was a correspondent for the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service, a connection he would now like to re-establish for cover purposes. I am enclosing a letter from Aradi addressed to a Mr. Hall of the NCWCNS. As Aradi explains, it may be that Hall is no longer there, but the letter can be delivered to the Director. I would suggest that the letter be taken in person by someone who could explain that it was brought over by a traveler through whom an answer could be sent. It might be explained that Aradi had been at one time an advisor at AFHQ on Hungarian matters. The person could also state that although he does not know Aradi personally, he has learned from a friend that he is a man of very reputable character and that he has a very extensive series of contacts in Rome.

Whoever performs this service for you should consult with Joyce for any further details about Aradi.

Please advise me how you have handled this and transmit any answer for Mr. Aradi to me here. I assure you that this service may be of distinct value in developing our service in Rome.

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